

TAC Meeting Summary

November 15, 2006

Room 806

Rutledge Building

10am – 2pm

PowerSchool Demo

Pearson demonstrated a Web-based SIS application. This demonstration was an effort to expose the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) members to emerging technology. This demo was conducted for informational purposes only and is not to be interpreted as a SASI migration path.

ePortfolio Demo

Linda Haines demonstrated the use of eSchoolware for the TAC. The software is being reviewed to determine if it can be used statewide for personnel and professional SASI development.

SASI 8.0 Testing

Pearson released version 8.0 this summer for beta testing.

Alpha Numeric SIF/SUNS assistance

The State Department of Education suggested the use of an alpha numeric system to assist districts who are experiencing problems with SIF and SUNS. The committee advised against separate vendor troubleshooting and the installation of Edustrutures software.

Adding to TAC Membership

The process for adding members to and removing them from the TAC was discussed. The committee represents different district sizes and economics. Should the need arise to replace a member, the replacement should represent similar demographics. Attendance was discussed as a criterion for maintaining TAC membership.

SUNS Status

Several concerns about the software were discussed. A representative from Edustructures will be present at the next TAC meeting.

LDS Update

The Data Manager Request for Proposal (RFP) Review Committee was selected. The RFP was released mid November. The committee agreed that a state-provided, dedicated SIF server was a good idea, and the process for funding is still being discussed.